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### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The foregoing documents came to Applicant's attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Document B4 is the English-language counterpart to document B7.

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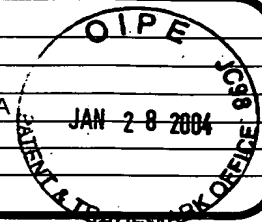
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